



**HIGHCLIFFE
PRIMARY**

Lionheart Educational Trust

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Principles

It is our policy that all children should wear clothing that is in keeping with a purposeful learning ethos. We also believe it is important that certain activities are facilitated by specialised and appropriate clothing when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. We provide a complete list of the items needed for children's school uniform in this policy.

Aims

Our policy for children's school uniform is based on the belief that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, engenders a feeling of community and belonging, is practical and smart, identifies the children with the school, is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be), makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents, and has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Uniform Costs

We strive to keep the cost of our school uniform to a minimum for parents. Of the compulsory uniform, only the school jumper / cardigan is school-specific; all other items can be purchased widely although parents may choose to purchase optional items which have the school logo. School can provide advice and support to help parents on a low income. Parents have opportunity to acquire 'pre-loved' uniform at various points of the year

Supplier

Fleeces, sweatshirts, cardigans, coats, polo shirts and book bags with the Highcliffe logo are available to order on-line from **Stevensons** - <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/>

Highcliffe Primary School clothing consists of the following:

- School Green sweatshirt/fleece/cardigan with or without school logo
- Plain white polo shirt or white shirt/blouse
- Grey or black trousers/shorts /skirts/pinafores
- Green gingham dresses may be worn in the summer term.
- Black or dark grey tights/socks
- Black leggings may be worn under a skirt but are **not permitted** on their own.
- Plain black or green headbands, black or green hair bands and clips.
- Summer: plain white or black sandals with straps -with no heel or platform- for health and safety reasons these must be closed toed.

Bags

- Book bags with the school logo are available from MAPAC - <https://www.mapac.com/education>.

Backpacks are not needed nor recommended due to limited space in classrooms.



For PE all children need:

- Green T-shirt
- Black shorts (plain no branded items permitted)
- A pair of plimsolls and/or trainers.
- Plain black tracksuit in cold weather (no branded items permitted)
- Gym bag -a small drawstring bag to fit on pegs

Footwear

Plain black shoes with flat heel or plain black trainers. Boots are not appropriate footwear for school. If it is a wet or cold day and your child needs to wear wellies or warm boots to travel to school, please make sure they have normal school shoes to change into.

Outdoor Learning

- Waterproof coat- every day

Optional items

- White polo shirt with school logo
- Book bag with school logo

Named Clothing

Every item of clothing, footwear or other property must be marked with the child's name – either with sewn in labels or indelible marker pen. This is important and parents should make every effort to ensure that their children's clothing can be easily identified.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. If a child has their ear/s pierced, a stud only may be worn but this must be removed for PE. Watches must be 'time-telling' devices only.

Other jewellery must be removed for PE.

Children may cover their earrings for physical activities up to six weeks after having their ears pierced. If you would like your child to have their ears pierced, we would strongly encourage you to arrange for this to happen at the beginning of the summer break. If a child needs to have their ears covered, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide the tape and for children to apply the tape themselves. Earrings MUST come out for swimming.

Teachers must not remove or replace earrings. They cannot be responsible for the consequences of removing or replacing earrings. Parents cannot transfer this responsibility to teachers.

If, for religious reasons, your child has a piece of jewellery which cannot be removed, you will need to make an appointment to talk with the class teacher to discuss further.

Make up and Cosmetics

Make up and cosmetics are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform. The school does not permit such products to be worn by any children, unless there is a specific event for which the Head has given permission.



Equality and Discrimination

In formulating this uniform policy, we have considered our obligations not to discriminate unlawfully. As a school we will not apply a requirement, which, although applied equally to everyone, puts any child at a particular disadvantage because of their gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or belief or gender reassignment.

Non-Compliance

The headteacher, or a person authorised by the headteacher, will contact parents should they send their child to school in breach of the school's rules on appearance or uniform.